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In re Application of:

Examiner: Liu, Hong

Attorney Docket No. 0059-01-US

Anderson et al.

Serial No.: 09/763,216 Filed: Feb. 20, 2001

For: Non-Peptide GnRH Agents, Methods And Intermediates For Their

Preparation

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.181(a) TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants have received a Notice of Abandonment (copy enclosed) dated October 3, 2003 in the above-referenced application. Applicants hereby petition to withdraw this holding of abandonment pursuant to 37 CFR §1.181(a).

A response to a Notice to File Corrected Application Papers, a Petition For Withdrawal From Allowance, and a Request For Continued Examination were submitted by Applicants to the USPTO on March 4, 2003. The USPTO acknowledged receipt of these documents on March 11, 2003, as evidenced by the return recipt postcard. Copies of the Petition For Withdrawal From Allowance and Request For Continued Examination are enclosed with this petition. A copy of the return postcard and USPTO receipt stamp are also enclosed herein.

This Petition is timely filed within 2 months of the mail date (October 3, 2003) of the Notice of Abandonment. No fee is required for this Petition. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 500329. Two copies of this paper are enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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